GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Tribal Carnival
Tiwari Shri Manoj Kumar

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whetheradequate steps have been taken to preserve, protect and promote ethnic culture of the tribals, if so, the details, thereof;

(b) the details of various Centrally Sponsored schemes under implementation for the purpose;

(c) whether the Government proposes to organize National Tribal Carnival in the near future;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives of organizing such carnivals; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for showcasing and promotion of various facets of tribal culture on a large scale in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI JUAL ORAM)

(a) to (e) A Statementis laid on the Table of the House

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of the LokSabha Starred Question No. *210 asked by SHRI MANOJ TIWARI to be answered on 09.05.2016

(a) & (b):Under Central Sector scheme of "Grant-in Aid to Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs)", Ministry of Tribal Affairs extends financial assistance to TRIs for protection and promotion of traditional culture and languages of Scheduled Tribes. Functions of TRIs, inter-alia, include organizing tribal festivals for promotion of tribal culture. Ministry has also been organizing tribal festivals viz. 'Prakriti' and 'Vanaj' in past years, to showcase the tribal culture. Tribal guests also take partin Republic Day celebrations so as topromote tribal culture and spread awareness about the same.

"Development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups" (PVTGs) scheme aims at planning socio-economic development in a comprehensive manner while retaining culture and heritage of PVTGs.Further, Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd. (TRIFED) organizes exhibitions like 'Aadichitra' and 'Aadishilp'where tribals showcase their rich tribal heritage of art and crafts. TRIFED also participates in OCTAVE − a dance festival of North Eastern Region.

(c) & (d):Yes, Madam. Tribal Carnival aims to show-case tribal ways of life including their culture, tradition and customs. Underlying idea is to preserve and promote traditional culture through display ofvarious facets of tribal life relating to culture, tradition, customs and skills. This also aims to instill a sense of pride amongst tribals for their rich culture heritage. Tribal artists and artisans get national level stage for exhibiting their talent. Thisalso facilitatesvisitorsto make themselves aware about unique and diverse traditional culture of tribal population in real perspective.

(e):Besides, Ministry of Culture has also been releasing funds under Tribal Sub-Plan to various institutions of Central Government for protection and promotion of traditional culture and languages of Scheduled Tribes. The intervention includes activities of Zonal Culture Centres, Anthropological Survey of India (Kolkata), Indira Gandhi RashtriyaManavSangrahalaya (Bhopal), Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, Central Institute of Buddhist Studies (Leh), Lalit Kala Akademi etc. The State level Tribal Festivals are also specifically supported for showcasing and promotion of various facets of tribal culture.
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